

Community Forum
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Overview

The first City of Atlanta Transportation and Circulation Study community forum was held October 6, 2004, at the Agape Community Center. Twenty community members, City staff members, and elected officials attended the event. The goals of the community forum were to:

1. Provide an update on the project status
2. Present draft recommendations
3. Gather input about and prioritize draft recommendations

The public was notified of the community forum in several ways, including a press release, an e-mail blast, and flyers. In addition, the City's web site contained information about the study and the public meeting. Handouts included an agenda, a comment card, a meeting evaluation form, and a summary of the community workshop.

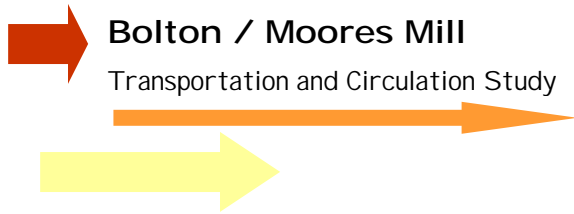
The meeting format included a presentation, a question/answer session, and a work session where meeting participants were provided an opportunity to view conceptual drawings of the proposed maps and provide comments.

Presentation

Maureen Gresham reviewed tasks completed to date, which included:

- Public Involvement
 - Two community meetings
 - Three Advisory Committee meetings
 - Interviews
- Data collection
- Existing conditions
- Analysis/recommendations
- Final Plan documentation under way

Ms. Gresham noted that remaining tasks included:



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- One additional meeting to be held in January
- Interviews with railroad representatives

Sonny Smoake provided an overview of the draft recommendations and noted that recommendations were developed based on:

- Analysis
- Community input
- Advisory Committee input

Mr. Smoake also noted that recommendations included:

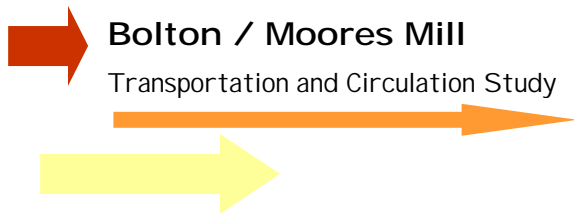
- Circulation routes
- Traffic congestion management
- New truck routing
- Intersection improvements

Specific recommendations included:

- Bolton/Hollywood Intersection Improvement – realigns to a perpendicular intersection with Bolton Road; Hollywood cul-de-sac
- Bolton/Marietta Boulevard Intersection Improvement– Relocates Adams Road and becomes right-in/right-out intersection; Moore’s Mill Road extension to Marietta Boulevard is included.
- Bolton Road/Marietta Road – corrects alignment and relocates intersection; avoids planned development at corner of Bolton/Marietta.

Mr. Smoake noted that all intersection improvements include upgraded sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian features.

- Heavy Vehicle Routing
 - Heavy Vehicle Route No. 5a and 5b– A proposed new roadway connecting to Bolton Road for trucks; removes trucks from Bolton Road east of James Jackson Parkway; approximate cost is \$12 million.



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- Heavy Vehicle Route Alternate 2a and 2b – new, based on input from community.

Mr. Smoake commented that the heavy vehicle/truck routing strategies will require City enforcement and signage. The combination of strategies is important in realizing the total improvement.

- Traffic Calming Zones

Mr. Smoake noted that a variety of traffic calming measures are recommended for specific roadways, however several types of traffic calming were analyzed for applicability to the study area. These included:

- Chicanes
- Speed tables
- Roundabouts
- Traffic circle
- Center island
- Textured pavement

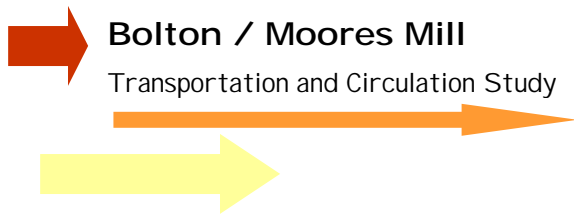
Mr. Smoake noted that specific traffic calming measures are recommended along the following roadways:

- Bolton Road – center islands, speed monitoring
- Hollywood and Marietta Road – stop control, speed monitoring, center islands
- Residential streets - textured pavement and speed tables (where approaching major streets).

Findings

Question/Answer

Comment: Water treatment plant has plans to modify driveway connection to Bolton Road. This needs to be incorporated into the Bolton/Marietta Boulevard intersection improvement recommendation.



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Question: Will upgraded intersections be signalized?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Did you identify the planned turn-lane improvement to the driveway at LaFarge?

Answer: No.

Comment: Resurfacing will likely involve **total** reconstruction of pavement.

Question: Does Bolton/Marietta include left-turn lanes?

Answer: Yes.

Question: To what extent do we believe railroad intermodal truck traffic will be increasing in the future?

Answer: We'll ask, but it is unlikely that Norfolk Southern will provide specific data.

Question: Will rerouting trucks to Marietta Boulevard impact traffic operations on Marietta Boulevard?

Answer: It was not analyzed in detail. However, Marietta Boulevard is designed as an arterial roadway intended for truck traffic.

Comment Card Results

	Study Objectives		
Recommendations	Industrial traffic circulation and 2002 LCI study goals	Dedicated lanes for specific classes of traffic	Interconnectivity of the transportation system
Heavy Vehicle Route #2	Very Good (2) Good Okay (2)	Good (3) Okay (3)	Very Good(2) Good Okay (2)



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Heavy Vehicle Route #2b	Very Good (4) Good Okay	Very Good Good (3) Okay	Very Good (4) Okay
Heavy Vehicle Route #5a	Very Good (3) Good (2) Okay	Very Good (2) Good (2) Okay	Very Good (2) Good Okay Not Good
Heavy Vehicle Route #5b	Very Good (2) Okay (2) Not Good	Very Good (2) Okay (2) Not Good	Very Good (2) Okay Not Good (2)
Bolton Road at Hollywood Road/Main Street Intersection Improvements	Very Good (3) Good	Very Good (2) Good Okay	Very Good (2) Good (2)
Bolton Road at Marietta Road Intersection Improvements	Very Good (2) Good (3)	Very Good (2) Good Okay (2)	Very Good (2) Good (2) Okay
Bolton Road at Marietta Boulevard Intersection Improvements	Very Good (2) Good (3)	Very Good (2) Good (3)	Very Good Good (4)
Traffic Signal Inventory and Assessment	Very Good Good (3)	Very Good Good (3)	Very Good (2) Good (2)
Traffic Calming Analysis and Implementation- Bolton Road	Very Good (2) Good (2)	Very Good (2) Good (2)	Very Good (3) Good
Traffic Calming Analysis and Implementation- Hollywood Road	Very Good (2) Good (2)	Very Good (2) Good (2)	Very Good (3) Good



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Traffic Calming Analysis and Implementation- Marietta Road	Very Good (3) Good Okay	Very Good (3) Good Okay	Very Good (3) Okay
Traffic Calming Analysis and Implementation-Adams	Very Good (2) Good Not Good	Very Good Good Okay Not Good	Very Good Good (2) Not Good

Meeting Evaluation Summary

1. How would you rate this meeting overall? (1=very good, 5=very bad)

Very Good (3)

Good (2)

Adequate (0)

Bad (0)

Very Bad (0)

2. What did you like most about the meeting?

- Presentation
- Was clear
- Information
- Question/Answer Session (good answers)
- Work Session



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- Networking with participants
 - The maps
3. In what areas do you feel the meeting could have been improved?
 - Better maps during Powerpoint presentation
 - Meeting facility (warmer room)
 4. Do you have an understanding of the recommendations proposed?
 - a. Yes (5)
 - b. No Opinion (0)
 - c. No (0)
 5. Regarding what you have learned, how would you rate the following statements?
(1=strongly agree, 2=agree, 3=neither agree nor disagree, 4= disagree, 5=strongly disagree)
 - a. I learned new information:
 - Strongly agree (3)
 - Agree (1)
 - Neither agree nor disagree (0)
 - Disagree (0)
 - Strongly disagree (0)
 - b. I was given an opportunity to provide input:
 - Strongly agree (3)
 - Agree (1)
 - Neither agree nor disagree (0)
 - Disagree (0)



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Strongly disagree (0)

6. How did you find out about tonight's meeting?

- Word of Mouth (3)
- Other (2)
- Previous meeting
- E-mail (1)

Other Comments:

- Keep the meetings coming
- Having a council member present was very beneficial